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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7167

BILL NUMBER: HB 1254

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Runoff elections for municipal offices.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires holding a runoff election as a special election if none of the candidates for nomination for a municipal office receives more than 50% of the votes cast in the primary election. The bill requires holding a runoff election as a special election if none of the candidates for election to a municipal office receives more than 50% of the votes cast in the general or municipal election.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, expenses for conducting a special election are to be paid by the municipality holding the election.

Background: Expenses to run an election include: election board expenses, rental of a facility for polling (if necessary), and/or voting equipment (if necessary.) The following table lists a small sample of Indiana counties' per diem for election board members:

Sample County Precinct Election Board Expenses.

County	Per Diem*
Lake	Inspectors: \$131 Judges/Clerks: \$100 Sheriffs: \$75
Kosciusko**	Inspectors: \$115 Judges/Clerks: \$95
Johnson	Inspectors: \$150 Other Members: \$100
Marion	Inspectors: \$110 Other Members: \$70
Marshall	Inspectors: \$115 Other Members: \$70
Orange	Inspectors: \$65 Other Members: \$40
Perry**	Inspectors: \$100 Judges/Clerks: \$75
Randolph	Inspectors: \$110 Other Members: \$75
Vigo	Inspectors: \$100 Judges/Clerks/Sheriffs: \$70 Travel Boards: \$30 Ballot Deliverers: \$30
Warren	Inspectors: \$110 Other Members: \$90

* Including food allowance and training where applicable.

** Eliminated Sheriffs.

One county reported non-public facility rental costs of \$100 per day.

Counties could face additional cost if one or more voting machines are rented in order to cover a municipal election. Rental cost of the Micro Vote direct recording electronic (DRE) voting machine is approximately \$2,500 plus \$300 per each additional machine rented.

For the 2000 general election, the cost of ballots per 1,000 voters was \$54.75.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Municipalities.

Information Sources: Marion County Election Board, 327-5117; Voter Registration, Marshall County

Circuit Court Clerk's Office, (574) 935-8713; Warren County Clerk's Office, (765) 762-3510; Angela Sheppard, Lake County Election Board, (219) 755-3443; Kosciusko County Clerk's Office, (574) 372-2332; Johnson County Clerk's Office, (317) 736-3708; Vigo County Clerk's Office (812) 462-3214; Orange County Clerk's Office, (812) 723-2649; Randolph County Clerk's Office, (765) 584-4214; Perry County Clerk's Office, (812) 547-3741; Steve Shamo, Micro Vote, (317) 257-4900; Indiana Election Division, (317) 232-3939.

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